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FPPC Enforcement Decisions: January 12, 2007

The following are enforcement decisions approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its regular monthly meeting held in Sacramento on Friday, January 12, 2007. Decisions are divided by category and include a brief summary of each case and the total amount of any administrative fine or fines in each case.

Additional information on each of the enforcement cases below can be found in the January agenda on the FPPC website at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>. FPPC agendas are distributed and posted on the agency website 10 days prior to each monthly meeting.

The web version of the agenda includes links to the stipulations agreed to by the commission and by the individuals and organizations subject to the fines, or the default decisions proposed to the commission. Exhibits in support of the stipulations and proposed default decisions are also available on the website. If you are unable to access the FPPC website, or need further assistance, please call the FPPC communications office at (916) 322-7761.

Campaign Contribution Laundering (Default Decision)

In the Matter of Brent Wilkes, FPPC No. 03/791. Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Melodee A. Mathay and Supervising Investigator Dennis Pellón. Respondent Brent Wilkes, the owner and chief executive officer of a business storage company located in Poway, was the true source of two campaign contributions, totaling \$500, made to the Ron Roberts for Mayor Committee in San Diego on May 31, 2000. The contributions were made in the name of one of Respondent's employees and her husband, in violation of Government Code section 84301 and 84300, subdivision (c). (2 counts). \$4,000 fine.

Conflict of Interest Violation

In the Matter of Daniel Spence, FPPC No. 03/214. Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Melodee A. Mathay and Supervising Investigator Dennis Pellón. Between November 21, 2001 and December 14, 2001, Respondent Daniel Spence, an employee with the Health & Human Services Agency Data Center, participated in making a governmental decision regarding a \$345,600 contract between the Health & Human Services Agency Data Center and Shooting Star Solutions, Inc. at a time when he was negotiating, or had an arrangement concerning, prospective future employment with Shooting Star Solutions, Inc., in violation of Government Code section 87407 (1 count). \$3,500 fine.

Statement of Economic Interests Violation

In the Matter of Robert Gran, FPPC No. 06/478. Staff: Political Reform Consultant Jeanette Turvill. Robert Gran, a member of the City of Madera Planning Commission, failed to timely file a 2005 annual statement of economic interests in violation of Government Code section 87203 (1 count). \$100 fine.

Major Donor – Streamlined Program

Failure to Timely File Major Donor Campaign Statements. Chief Investigator Sue Straine and Political Reform Consultant Mary Ann Kvasager. The following persons and entities have entered into a stipulation for failing to file major donor campaign statements that were due during calendar year 2004 in violation of Government Code Section 84200:

- **In the Matter of Palomar Medical Center Medical Staff, FPPC No. 06-0558.** Palomar Medical Center Medical Staff of Escondido failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$50,000 (1 count). \$900 fine.
- **In the Matter of Palomar Medical Center Auxiliary, FPPC No. 06-0564.** Palomar Medical Center Auxiliary of Escondido failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$10,000 (1 count). \$400 fine.
- **In the Matter of Pomerado Medical Staff, FPPC No. 06-0567.** Pomerado Medical Staff of Poway failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$50,000 (1 count). \$900 fine.
- **In the Matter of Demetra Marcus, FPPC No. 06-0821.** Demetra Marcus of Palo Alto failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$25,000 (1 count). \$400 fine.

- **In the Matter of Torrance Emergency Physicians Inc., FPPC No. 06-0940.**
Torrance Emergency Physicians Inc. of Redondo Beach failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$12,000 (1 count). \$800 fine.

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